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The applicants respectfully request that the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each of these references is enclosed.

An English language abstract of each of the non-English language references is also provided. A copy of a Japanese Office Action and an English language translation of pertinent portions of the Japanese Office Action dated June 3, 2003 are also provided.

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